

ADM File No. 2002-24

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Dear Clerk: With respect to the above matter, I would like to register a comment on the proposed rule regarding 'solicitation' of clients after a death.

Since current statute requires that someone holding an original will submit it to the probate court and the probate courts require proof of death, it is customary for our office to contact the spouse and/or family to extend our sympathy and request a copy of the death certificate. Under the proposed rule, that could be considered 'solicitation' and would make following the will statute very difficult. In addition, under current records retention requirements, we often contact clients to determine whether they want the file or whether they want us to hold the file. Under the proposed rule, it also appears that such practice could be considered 'solicitation'.

Please ask the Court to consider some exceptions to the proposed rule. Thank you.

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